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Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to and including March 23, 2000, for responding to the Office Action mailed November 23, 1999 (Paper No. 14). A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

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